## THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 24; 29-31; 35; 40.
DEVOTIONAL READING: Psalm 100

### Why We Worship

Lesson for November 25, 1951

FEWER than two out of every three Americans belong to any church or synagogue. Yet the traveler across America is never long out of sight of some house of worship. With or without a cross, with or without paint, every few miles there will be a church or chapel or meeting-house, where like-minded people meet to worship the One God.

Dr Foreman

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**Variety**

IT is amazing, the confusing variety of ways in which God is publicly worshipped. Some churches are liturgical; that is, the form of the service is prescribed, printed in a book, used with little change from generation to generation. Roman Catholic churches are of this kind (though there is a wide range of detail in the procedures of different Catholic churches); so are the Lutheran, the Reformed and the Episcopal churches, among others.

Other churches are non-liturgical, or free, in their mode of worship, varying all the way from churches with optional forms of worship on out to snake-handling sects like the "Church of God with Signs Following," where you never know one minute what is going to happen next.

**The liturgical churches, too, are different as can be. Some liturgies are filled with chanting, incense, long and not easy for a stranger to follow. Other liturgies are brief and simple. The insides of these various kinds of churches are just as different as the interiors of hotels—all the way from the elegant Waldorf-Astoria down to the ramshackle boarding house of a frontier town. The leader of the worship may be clad in vestments gorgeous in the extreme, or in a plain black gown, or dressed in shirt-sleeves.**

The "man from Mars" would be so bewildered by all this that he would ask: Is there anything at all that these different kinds of worship have in common?

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**Communion**

FOR an answer, we can go back more than 3,000 years to the time when Moses was organizing his people's worship as he organized the rest of their lives. You would hardly have recognized that little "tabernacle" in the wilderness as a place of worship at all; it looked like neither church nor synagogue.

And what went on in the tabernacle would look strange to a Jew of today, stranger still to a Roman Catholic, strangest of all to a "non-liturgical" Protestant. And yet, what went on to make that tabernacle possible in the first place, and what went on in it afterwards, give us the answer to the question: What do all the innumerable forms of worship have in common?

**First of all is communion with God. In true worship we become aware of Him! in the New Testament phrase, we "approach with boldness the throne of Grace." Worship is right when it actually brings the worshipper into a cleansing consciousness of the nearness of God.—when, indeed, he feels and knows that it is "in Him we live and move and have our being."**

Not every one reaches this divine awareness in the same way.

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**Consecration**

BUT there is another side to worship: Consecration. However varied the order of worship may be, one part of it will be found nearly everywhere: the offering.

**This is actually one of the most important parts of the service, though it is often neglected and "skimmed." For the offering is not only important in itself, but it is a great symbol of what worship ought always to be, a call to dedication.**

Into the offering plate go bits of silver, green paper, checks . . . money? Yes, and more. This represents something of the life and work of the worshippers. Every man has some better moments when he would generously like to do something to help the world. On Sunday the church harnesses his vague good will. It gives him a channel for his generosity.

What a man gives ought never to be TO the church but THROUGH the church; it would be an expression of gratitude to God from one who knows that his whole life is God's gift.

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# CHURCH NEWS

**Memorial Methodist**

R. Carl Maxwell, Minister

9:45 A. M. Sunday School.
Claude W. Smith, Superintendent.

10:40 A. M. Junior Choir practice.

11:00 A. M. Morning Worship.
Topic: "Celebrating Christmas 1951."

Anthem by the Youth Choir.

6:45 P. M. MYF, led by Miss Jane Holt.

7:45 P. M. Evening Worship.
Topic: "Successful Partners."
Anthem by the Junior Choir.

A cordial welcome to all.

**EVERGREEN STUDENT ACTIVE IN CHURCH**

Blacksburg, Nov. 21.- Riley Stewart, of Evergreen, a sophomore in Animal Husbandry at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, has just been elected usher in the Blacksburg Baptist Church, at its annual election of church officers. Stewart is an active member of the Baptist Student Union at Virginia Tech and a Sunday School worker.

**PREPARING FOR SALE OF CHRISTMAS SEALS**

Santa Claus has an advance man in Virginia this year in the person of Bob Porterfield, director of the famous Barter Theater at Abingdon.

As the latest of his many colorful exploits, Porterfield donned the uniform of a flying postman in Richmond this week, hopped aboard a plane loaded with Tuberculosis Association Seals at Richmond's Byrd Airport, and set out on a whirlwind tour of Virginia's major cities to deliver the stickers that will be sold in the statewide campaign that began Monday.

"I know the role of the 'Flying Dutchman,'" said the genial actor-producer-director, "but this was my first performance as a flying postman. I thoroughly enjoyed the experience."

The actor-produder, who came to Richmond from Abingdon to make the flight, has devoted the week to seal sale promotion efforts in Virginia. He hopes that Virginians, always generous in a worthy cause, will outdo themselves in their support of the seal sale this year.

**FERTILIZER CAN SPELL SUCCESS OR FAILURE FOR TOBACCO FARMER**

Fertilizer can spell success or failure for the tobacco farmer.

E. M. Matthews, superintendent of the Chatham branch of the Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station, says that on typical bright tobacco soils fertilizer applications account for about 75 per cent of the tobacco yields and acre values.

Further, he said, average farm fertilizer practices produce, at present tobacco prices, average income values fully $100 to $150 per acre less than improved practices would give.

Matthews says his tests have shown:

Twelve hundred to 1,500 pounds of 3-9-6 fertilizer per acre produce yields and values larger than 900 pounds of fertilizer, if the heavy rates are thoroughly mixed in the furrow before listing the land, or are applied in bands on either side of the roots.

Fifteen hundred pounds of fertilizer when not mixed is less profitable than 1,200 pounds, or than 900 pounds of sidedresser, especially during drought seasons.

For normal applications of fertilizer, the 20-inch spacing in 4-foot rows seems about right.

During seasons of hot, dry weather replants needed can often be reduced by mixing the fertilizer in the furrow before listing and before transplanting; or by using a machine to place the fertilizer in bands to the sides of the roots. A combination machine designed and built by Matthews has given excellent results for five seasons. The fertilizer distributor and row lister were built around the chassis of an ordinary stalk cutter. The result is a low-cost, dual purpose machine which saves about 75 per cent of the labor and team costs usually required to do these jobs, and produced tobacco yields and acre values never before equalled at Chatham.

Listen to The Country Editor, at 7:15 P. M. each Friday, over radio station WWOD, Lynchburg.

Appomattox is a growing town.

V. M. I. and V. P. I. play football today in annual Thanksgiving classic in Roanoke.

**LONG RANGE PLANS FOR SECONDARY HIGHWAYS ARE EXPLAINED**

Williamsburg, Va., Nov. 21.- Virginia will have 16,000 miles of hard-surfaced roads in its Secondary System by 1956, State Highway Commissioner James A. Anderson predicted in speaking here at the seventeenth anniversary meeting of the League of Virginia Counties.

There are 12,949 miles of hard-surfaced roads in the Secondary System, and the goal in 1956 predicted by the commissioner amounts to a 3,651-mile increase.

Anderson stressed that his estimate of the future development of the Secondary System of the highways was contingent on the availability of funds "over and above funds required for maintenance."

This objective of improvement would also provide a reduction in the miles of unimproved Secondary System roads from 3,821 to 1,000 miles, the commissioner said.

"It would be entirely misleading," Anderson said, "if I give you the impression that the future for the Secondary System will be easy on you or on the Highway Department.

"Many a most difficult and expensive year lies ahead, for we must provide for the early replacement of thousands of inadequate bridges.This will take years, and will cost many millions. I hope your county officers realize that this problem deserves your closest study.

"We must stabalize roads for year-round use leading to reasonably located farms and homes. There is no life in rural Virginia without the motor vehicle and a reasonably passable year-round road."

In discussing the future of the Secondary System in Virginia, the commissioner underscored the need to have "adequate manpower to handle our materials and machines, to keep our records and to keep the public informed. If this problem is properly solved, it is likely that all our other problems can be solved."

The commissioner, in discussing this program of improvement for the Secondary System, said that all work would be done on a priority basis of need and through the cooperative efforts of the county boards of supervisors and the State Highway Department.

Anderson observed that "local problems are best solved locally. They cannot be so well solved in Richmond or Washington, and the closer local problems are kept to the people affected, the better it is for all."

The commissioner heightened his remarks by pointing out the difference in costs that the highway department often is confronted with in obtaining right-of-way property.

"If it is settled at the cross roads and on the property," he said, "it is apt to be reasonable and satisfactory."

"If the problem is taken to the county seat, the price goes up, and there is less aggrement on the solution made. Should the matter go to Richmond, there is another big jump in the asking price and still less all-round satisfaction.

"When the proposed purchase reaches Washington," he continued, "It is known what the price will be. It is likely that the solution reached is the least satisfactory of all."

In pointing to the problem the highway department, he pointed out that while the registration in the United States jumped 50 per cent over the 1950 period, the increase in the same time in Virginia was 61 per cent—this is 72 per cent over national average.

Traffic, too, has jumped in Virginia. On the Primary System during the past five years an increase of 66.6 per cent has been noted, and every month since January 1946 has set a new record for traffic.

University alumni board meets for athletic report.

Christmas Club checks mailed by banks.

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Basketball fixer draws penitentiary sentence of eight to sixteen years.

Tenant farmer burns to death at Goochland.


## Two Symbols of Thanksgiving

**Everyone knows that the *turkey* is a symbol of Thanksgiving. But, do you recognize the other symbol —the more important one?**

**It is the *smile* on this young lad's face!**

**A turkey, after all, is not essential to the celebration of Thanksgiving Day. Some folks prefer duck, or steak, or even an old-fashioned meat-loaf.**

**But a smile is indispensable! For thankfulness and happiness are cut from the same fabric. Thankfulness is really happiness *with a sense of direction*. It is happiness that traces its source to the goodness of God, and expresses its destiny in humble reverence.**

**The smile of a thankful Christian is the natural symbol of Thanksgiving. And it explains the meaning of this sacred Day: GOD HAS SMILED ON US!**

THE CHURCH FOR ALL . . . ALL FOR THE CHURCH

The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither civilization nor civilizations can survive. Be sure your sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs the moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

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# PERSONALS

Friends regret to hear of the illness of D. J. Franklin.

Mrs. J. Evans, of Petersburg spent Wednesday at his home here.

Misses Anne Evans and Mary Ellis Stanley will accompany Miss Josie Woody to Petersburg for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mincher, of Hamlin, N. J. were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Johnston.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Conner, of Halifax, will spend Thursday with her mother, Mrs. W. P. Gills.

Miss Margaret Calcott will accompany the Conners to Halifax and spend the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Almond and daughter, of Madison Heights, will spend Thanksgiving here with her mother, Mrs. S. J. Evans.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Dickerson and Mrs. E. L. Martin spent Wednesday of last week in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Martin, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Dickerson.

Mrs. S. J. Evans will spend this week-end in Petersburg with Mr. Evans, who was recently transferred there by the N & W.

Mr. and Mrs. Eames A. Powers and family and Miss Dot Sears, of Petersburg are spending Thanksgiving here with Mrs. J. E. Sears.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Robinson, Mrs. K. E. Coleman and Mrs. G. L. Doss will attend the William and Mary - University of Virginia football game in Charlottesville Saturday. They will be met there by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin S. Barron, of Washington, who will accompany them to Appomattox for the week-end.


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Robert Allen Sears is in Roanoke today attending the V. P. I.- V. M. I. football game.

Mr. and Mrs Sid Conner and son, of Roanoke, are visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Mitchell, Miss Rosa Mae Wooldridge and Thomas A. Smith plan to spend Saturday in Charlottesville and attend the W & M, Virginia game.

Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Coleman and son, Ken, of Lynchburg will spend the Thanksgiving holidays with her mother, Mrs. H. G. Johnson.

Mrs. Rachel Cawthorn and son, Ed will spend the week-end in Richmond with her daughter, Mrs. Raymond L. Harris.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas William Odor, who will celebrate their sixtieth wedding anniversary on Sunday, December 2.

Judge Joel Flood and the Rev. Herbert N. Tucker will attend the Virginia - W & M football game in Charlottesville Saturday.

Mrs. Joel W. Flood and son, Hal spent the past week-end in Richmond.

Attorney Murray Orman is back home from the hospital and able to be at his office.

S. L. Ferguson, III, U. S. Navy spent last week-end here with his grandmother, Mrs. S. L. Ferguson.

Miss Helen Mae Poe, of Duke University, is spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Poe.

Misses Faye and Lois Wood, of Farrum College, are home for the holidays.

Miss Patsy Booth, of Madison College is spending Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Booth.

"Dick" Marks, of the University of Virginia is visiting friends here.

Ed Cawthorne and Bill Jamerson are in Roanoke today attending the I. P. I.-V. M. I. football game.

Mrs. William Copenhaver, of Richmond will spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. W. P. Gills. Mrs. Copenhaver is spending the holidays in New York.

Mrs. Sam Thornton is confined to her room due to an illness.

Miss Vivian Durham, of London, England, a student at Cornell University, is spending the holidays with her aunt, Mrs. Alpha Higginbotham.

The W. S. C. S. of the Evergreen Methodist Church is sponsoring a turkey supper tomorrow night at the Evergreen school.

Billy Evans, of Baltimore, spent several days last week here with his mother, Mrs. S. J. Evans.

The November meeting of the Appomattox town council was held on Monday night.

A dental clinic is in progress at the Appomattox school.

**VA. FOREST SERVICE URGES HUNTERS TO AVOID STARTING FIRES**

Since the hunting season is here again, most everyone is looking forward to getting in the fields or woods in search of game. From all reports this should be a very good hunting season. If we wish to have good hunting for future years of the most important things that we can do is to keep fire out of the woods. Fire not only destroys game and makes for poor hunting, but it also destroys valuable timber which is vitally needed by industry.

When you are in the woods and are going to build a campfire, please be careful. Always clear a wide space, free from grass, leaves and other inflammable material. When you have finished cooking be sure the fire is dead out before you leave. The best way to do this is by pouring water on it as you stir the ashes.

Another cause of many forest fires is when the hunter finishes smoking. Instead of chushing out his cigarette in the mineral soil he just gives it a flip into the brush, grass or leaves. If you want to smoke in the woods the safest way to do it, is to stop and smoke, and be sure your cigarette is out when you leave.

If you discover a forest fire while hunting send word to the nearest Forest Warden, and then try to control or stop the fire until the Forest Warden and his crew arrives.

It is everyone's duty to help "Keep Virginia Green" so don't be guilty of starting a forest fire.

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Deer reported to be fairly plentiful as annual general open hunting season starts.

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**REYNOLDS - SMITH**

The marriage of Mrs. Elizabeth S. Bingham, daughter of Mrs. Leonard Ellis Smith, of Appomattox, and the late Leonard Ellis Smith, and Gober Reynolds, of Williamston, Kentucky, took place Wednesday morning, November 21 at 11:00 o'clock in the home of her brother, L. E. Smith, Jr., of Lynchburg.

Dr. W. Westley Shrader, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lynchburg, officiated.

Given in marriage by her brother, L. E. Smith, Jr., the bride wore a grey suit with harmonazing accessories. Miss Jane Hanmer Stanley, niece of the bride, was ring bearer and only attendant.

Among those from here attending the wedding were: Mrs. L. E. Smith, Mrs. R. W. Stanley, Mrs. J. H. O'Brien and Miss Emma Smith.

**MISS SHIRLEY JOHNSON BECOMES BRIDE OF MILTON MARTIN**

The marriage of Miss Shirley Lee Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Johnson of Appomattox, to Milton Richard Martin, son of Mrs. Lorene Reynolds Martin, Lynchburg, took place Sunday, November 18, at 4:00 P. M. at the Memorial Methodist Church in Appomattox, with the Rev. R. Carl Maxwell, pastor, officiating.

The ceremony was performed before an altar of greens and basket arrangements of white mums and snapdragons with branched candelabrum.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a light grey suit with harmonizing accessories. She carried a satin covered prayer book topped with a pink hybrid orchid and showered with baby's breath.

Miss Doris Reynolds, of Appomattox, was maid of honor. She wore a grape ine suit with matching accessories, and carried a colonial bouquet of pink roses and orchid pompoms tied with an orchid bow.

The mother of the bride was dressed in a grey crepe dress with wine accessories. The groom's mother wore a grey suit with blue accessories. Both wore shoulder corsages of white roses.

Carrington Martin was his brother's best man.. Ushers were Ralph Johnson, of Ashland, brother of the bride, and Samuel Inge, of Lynchburg.

Nuptial music was furnished by Miss Katherine Burkey at the organ and by Mrs. Carter Martin, who sang, "Because" and "O, Promise Me."

After a wedding trip, the couple will make their home in Appomattox.

**St. Ann Episcopal Church**
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8:00 P. M. Evening Prayer and Sermon.

**Appomattox C. H. Presbyterian Church**
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Sunday School, 10 A. M. Mr. Henry Pack, Superintendent.
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**Uncle Sam Says**

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## Oakville

Oakville, Nov. 21.- The Oakville home demonstration club is sponsoring a local talent show at Oakville school November 30, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Prizes will be given. Anyone interested in entering the contest please contact Mrs. Clarke Moore. Refreshments will be sold. Admission will be 15 and 25 cents.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Drinkard and family and Mr. and Mrs. Bennet Harding spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Martin.

We want to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Mason Banton to Oakville. They have moved into the apartment which Mr. and Mrs. Otha Martin, Jr. vacated.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Moore and Mary Ellen spent Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Coleman.

Mrs. Mars.all Martin and daughter, June and son, Gordon spent the week-end of November 10 with relatives in Roanoke.

Mrs. John C. Moore, Mrs. Louis Moore and son, Louis Walker spent the week-end of November 10th with Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Moore in Beckley, W. Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Moore spent Sunday P. M. in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Moore.

These visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Martin on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Martin and Gaynelle, and Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Martin and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Drinkard and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Martin.

**TO ATTEND AIR CONCLAVE**

John P. Rector, Route 1, Appomattox, is one of 22 air force cadets at Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, who will fly from Roanoke to Miami on November 23 to attend the National Conclave of the Arnold Air Society to be held in Miami Beach, November 24. The Arnold Air Society is composed of college seniors who have made outstanding records in air forces ROTC. A plane from Wright-Patterson AF Base will take Rector and the other VPI cadets from Roanoke's Woodrum Field to Miami, returning them on Sunday, Nov. 25.

Make full use of the dental clinic at Appomattox school.

Local banks and most business places are closed today for Thanksgiving holiday.

The Brookneal Band is planning a concert for December 6.


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